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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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and for which a patent application:

- ☐ is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)
- ☒ was filed in the United States on October 5, 1999 as Application No. 09/412,878 (for declaration not accompanying application)
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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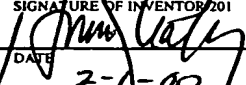
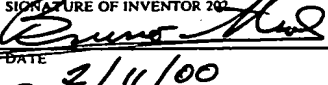
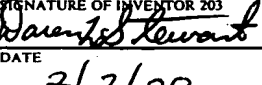
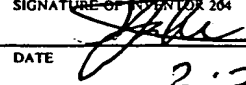
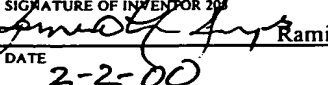
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